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SUBJECT: ECOSOC - COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING
AND PLANNING

REF: GENEVA 5580

1. FOLLOWING IS REVISED DRAFT RES. SUGGESTED BY
SECRETARIAT CONCERNING CENTER FOR HOUSING, BUILDING
AND PLANNING ROLE IN VANCOUVER CONFERENCE.
DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS REQUESTED FOR MORNING
SESSION OCTOBER 24.

THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING,
BEING AWARE OF THE CHALLENGES POSED BY POUPLATION
GROWTH AND THE RAPID URBANIZATION PROCESSES CALLING
FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE
MAJORITY OF POPULATION LIVING IN SETTLEMENTS UNDER
CONDITIONS BELOW MINIMUM HUMAN BIOLOGICAL
AND SOCIAL NEEDS,

RECOGNIZING THAT THE CITIES HAVE BECOME HIGHLY VULNERABLE
TO THE PROBLEMS ARISING OUT OF HAPHAZARD DEVELOPMENT
LEADING TO LOW QUALITY OF LIFE, AIR AND WATER POLLUTION
AND THEREFORE REQUIRED IMMEDIATE ATTENTION,
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NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION
3001 DECIDING TO HOLD A GOLBAL CONFERENCE EXPOSITION ON
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS IN 1976,

EXPRESSING FULL SUPPORT FOR THE CONFERENCE EXPOSITION
AND NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE OFFER OF THE CANADIAN
GOVERNMENT TO HOST THIS CONFERENCE IN VANCOUVER,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST
MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
PROGRAMME AND PARTICULARLY PARTS RELATING TO THE
PREPARATORY PROCESSES FOR THE CONFERENCE EXPOSITION,

BEARING IN MIND THE VAST KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE
GATHERED OVER THE YEARS BY THE COMMITTEE AND THE CENTRE
FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING,

RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO ENSURE THE HIGHEST EFFICIENCY IN
THE PREPARATORY PROCESSES TO THE CONFERENCE, IN ORDER TO
ACHIEVE THE BEST POSSIBLE RESULTS AT MINIMUM COST,

TAKING NOTE OF THE SIX CONFERENCE THEMES FORMULATED BY
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AT ITS FIRST SESSION,

STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF FURTHER ELABORATION OF THOSE THEMES
PLACING SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON (1) THE PROBLEMS OF
COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING FOR DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING
DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION, AND PRODUCTIVE FORCES,
HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF SETTLEMENT NETWORK AND APPROPRIATE
LAND USE POLICIES TO ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITIES
OF THE SETTLEMENTS; (2) THE PROBLEMS OF LOW COST HOUSING,
AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE LOWEST
INCOME GROUPS IN URBAN AND RURAL SETTLEMENTS; (3) THE
PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SLUM AND
SQUATTER SETTLEMENTS OF LARGE URBAN AREAS, INCLUDING PROVISION
OF BASIC AMENITIES OF WATER SUPPLY, SEWERAGE AND OTHER
COMMUNITY FACILITIES LIKE SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS, (4) ON
THE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE GREEN SPACES, AND THE
PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL ENVIRONMENT; (5)
FINDING WAYS AND MEANS OF PLANNING THE LIVING AND WORK
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SPACES IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO MINIMIZE THE TIME FOR TRAVEL
AND ALSO REDUCE NOISE AND POLLUTION, (6) THE DEVELOPMENT
OF APPROPRIATE BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES FOR HOUSING AND ALL
RELATED FACILITIES TAKING FULL ACCOUNT OF THE NEEDS AND
POSSIBILITIES OF COUNTRIES AT VARIOUS STAGES OF
DEVELOPMENT; (7) FINDING WAYS AND MEANS OF OVERCOMING
BOTTLENECKS OF FINANCIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL
CHARACTER; (8) ESTABLISHING A MACHINERY FOR FURTHER
EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE AND TRANSFER OF KNOWHOW AND
TECHNOLOGY ON A CONTINUING BASIS,

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SUBJ: ARAB CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE DISCUSS ECONOMIC REPRISALS
AGAINST THE US

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OF
11 ARAB STATES MET IN BEIRUT ON OCT 22 TO CONSIDER
THE QUESTION OF ECONOMIC REPRISALS AGAINST THE US AND
OTHER COUNTRIES HELPING ISRAEL. A SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS
WERE APPROVED WITH RESPECT TO PETROLEUM, COMMERCE, AND BANKING
AND FINANCE.

2. APPROVING MEASURES ALREADY TAKEN IN THE PETROLEUM
FIELD, THE GROUP RECOMMENDED INCREASING PARTICIPATION TO 51
PERCENT. IT THEN RECOMMENDED THAT THE ECONOMIC COUNCIL
OF THE ARAB LEAGUE CONSIDER A GRADUAL BOYCOTT ON CERTAIN
AMERICAN GOODS. RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE AREA OF FINANCE
AND BANKING CONCERNED RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF THE
DOLLAR AND CANCELLATION OF US AND DUTCH BANKING
LICENSES, TO WHICH THE LEBANESE MEMBERS TOOK EXCEPTION
(EIGHT US BANKS ALREADY OPERATE IN LEBANON AND SEVERAL
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OTHERS ARE REPRESENTED).

3. COMMENT: GENERALLY SPEAKING, THE GROUP LIMITED
ITSELF TO MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OTHER BODIES TO
CONSIDER, THUS CONTAINING TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT

MOVES AIMED AT MORE POSITIVE AND DIRECT ACTION.
SHORTLY BEFORE MEETINGS TOOK PLACE, WE WERE INFORMED CONFIDENTIALLY BY THE PRES OF THE BEIRUT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THAT THE LEBANESE REPRESENTATIVES WOULD DO THEIR BEST TO MOLLIFY MORE RADICAL PROPOSALS. NEVERTHELESS, IT SHOULD BE RECALLED THAT WE HAVE HERE A REFLECTION OF THE THINKING NOT OF THE ARAB LABOR UNIONS (WHICH HAVE ON OCCASION IN THE PAST CALLED FOR SOME KIND OF US BOYCOTT) BUT OF A LARGE SEGMENT OF THE ARAB BUSINESS COMMUNITY. IN THIS CONTEXT, THEREFORE, IT WOULD SEEM THAT WE HAVE YET ANOTHER SIGN OF A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS TREND.
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